equity with full benefits of repatriation of capital invested and income accruing thereon for promoting NRI investment in the country. The location of the project is however, left to the choice of the investor.

Contribution of National Small Industries Corporation

2614. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation has made a singnificant contribution to the growth of small scale industries to build up entrepreneurship and strong industrial base;

(b) if so, whether the Corporation has also decided to assist the less-developed areas to encourage balanced regional growth and to generate employment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the incentives being given for setting up these industries in rural, backward and tribal areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) Yes Sir. The NSIC has made significant contribution to the growth of small scale industries in India. It has been helping in building up the culture of entrepreneurship in different parts of the country. The Corporation renders assistance to small scale sector in the following manner :—

1. Supply of machines on hire purchase basis.
2. Supply of machines on lease basis to existing units for their exparsions, modernisation and technology upgradation.
3. Marketing of small scale industries products as well as exports.
4. Enlistment of competent units for participation in Government Stores Purchase Programme.
5. Training in several technical trades at their prototype Development & Training Centres and their Sub-Centres.
6. Procurement and supply of indigenous and imported raw materials.

So far, NSIC has provided financial support to about 30,000 small scale units under their hire purchase and equipment leasing schemes. Further, machines worth about Rs. 400 crores have also been supplied on the above mentioned two schemes. About 30% of the above have been supplied in backward areas. The Corporation has been providing assistance to the units set up in rural and backward areas for balanced regional growth and also to generate employment. The Corporation has been conducting Enterprise Building Programme in these areas. Concessions in the rate of interest, earnest money and service charge in supplying machines on hire purchase basis are available to small scale units in the backward areas.

In order to motivate rural youths towards industrial activity, the corporation provides technical training to persons coming from backward and rural areas its Prototype Development & Training Centres located at Okhla, Howrah, Rajkot, Madras and Hyderabad and four Sub-Centres at Kashipur and Aligarh (in U.P.), Dindigul (Tamil Nadu), Khammam (Andhra Pradesh) and Development-cum-Training Centre at Guwahati (Assam). PDTCs and Sub-Centres have trained a large number of persons through several training programmes. These Centres also provide common facility services to the small scale units located in these areas. Further, these Centres have also developed and upgraded tools and equipments needed by the local artisans such as Steel Processing Drum for irrigation pump by the Kashipur Centre, T type Gas Flow Valve by the Aligarh Centre, Cobbler Kit by the Dindigul Centre, Carpenter Kit by the Khammam Centre.

Industrial development of Tribal areas in Gujarat and Maharashtra

2615. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial development in the tribal and backward